



INNOVATION PLAN APPROVAL SUMMARY Stanislaus County

Total Requested for Innovation: \$712,700

Staff Recommend: APPROVAL

Review History

County Submitted Innovation Work Plan: August 27, 2010

MHSOAC Vote regarding Plan Approval: September 23, 2010

County Demographic Profile

Population: 521,385

- Latino: 40.3%
- API: 5.7%
- Native American: 1.6%
- African American: 3.3%
- Caucasian: 48.7%

Age

- 29.2% under age 18
- 10.5% age 65 or older

Evolving a Community-Owned Behavioral Health System of Supports and Services

Duration: three years

Key Features of Innovation Program

- Community planning determined that the highest priority was finding a new approach that challenges the traditional way of doing business to deal with ongoing declining revenues for Stanislaus County Behavioral Health system.
- This program seeks to help stakeholders understand the nuances of overall Department budget and the interdependencies among various department budgets.
- Stakeholders will bring their knowledge of community resources that are often outside of traditional county budgeting. The idea is to develop stakeholder processes that enable community and county partners to join with Behavioral Health Resource Services leaders in developing an integrated, financially sustainable behavioral health system committed to results.

Expected Contribution to Learning and Development of New/Improved Mental Health Approaches

- Development of a collaborative approach to enhanced participation of trained and engaged community partners and stakeholders with shared understanding and ownership of the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services budget and the array of other community, private, and county resources, with expected impact of improved behavioral health and emotional well-being for county residents.
- Assess the extent to which shared ownership will lead to more creative and expansive responses to the fiscal dilemma currently confronting the behavioral health system, and result in improving the behavioral health and emotional well-being of increasing numbers of residents across the County.
- Learn whether/how the process will lead to fiscally sustainable budgets for mental health and Alcohol Other Drugs (AOD) service systems.

Similar to other MHSA Innovation Programs: none

Example Reviewer Comments

- Reviewers appreciated the inclusion of “multiple community meetings and training sessions” and the fact that the county provided stipends to community members.
- Reviewers requested and received additional information about how the county plans to address the challenges and support diverse participants to be able to contribute as “full-on partners.”
- “This Innovation Program significantly deepens and expands the MHSA vision of collaboration.”
- Reviewers appreciated the plan’s emphasis on mutual learning, from diverse perspectives.
- “Stanislaus County’s ‘adaptive response to crisis’ is extremely inspiring.”